

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Amendments to the Claims are made such that additions are underlined (\_\_\_\_\_), while deletions are in the strikethrough format, and double bracketed ([ [ ]]) where strikethrough format would not adequately show the deletion.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The current status of claims 1-44 is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended). A tile cap comprising:
  - a. a formed or molded article configured for fitting over a surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including a substantially planar body and at least one edge extending from the body, the at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for being adjusted for the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile and for conforming with the surface along a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
  - b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap.
2. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the formed or molded article is selected from the group consisting of a plastic article and a resin article.
- 3-4. (Cancelled).
5. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the surface of the existing tile is selected from the group consisting of ceramic, wood, plastic, vinyl, and stone.
6. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is ceramic.
7. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is wood.
8. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is plastic.
9. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is vinyl.

10. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 5 wherein the existing tile is stone.
11. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of double-sided foam tape, construction adhesives, hot-melt adhesives, heat release adhesives, and epoxy compounds.
12. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the adhesive is a double-sided foam tape.
13. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the adhesive is a construction adhesive.
14. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the adhesive is a hot-melt adhesive.
15. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 11 wherein the adhesive is an epoxy compound.
16. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the tile cap is a decorative tile cap.
17. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the tile cap is a germicidal tile cap.
18. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the tile cap is a bacteriostatic tile cap.
19. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the tile cap is applied to a surface without grout.
20. (Previously Presented). The tile cap of Claim 1 wherein the tile cap has a trimable knife edge.
21. (Currently Amended). A method of capping ceramic tile comprising:  
providing a tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article configured for fitting over a surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including a substantially planar body and at least one edge extending from the body, the at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for being adjusted for the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile and for conforming with the surface along a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the tile cap over an existing ceramic tile.

22. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 21 wherein the tile cap is selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article.

23. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 21 wherein the positioning the tile cap includes affixing the tile cap to the existing ceramic tile with a double sided foam tape.

24. (Currently Amended). A method of capping a tile, comprising:  
providing a tile cap comprising:

- a. a formed or molded article configured for fitting over the surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including a substantially planar body and at least one edge extending from the body, the at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for being adjusted for the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile and for conforming with the surface along a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the tile cap over an existing tile.

25. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 24 wherein tile cap is selected from the group consisting of a plastic or a resin article.

26. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 24 wherein the positioning the tile cap includes affixing the tile cap to the existing tile with a double-sided foam tape.

27. (Currently Amended). A method of capping tile with a germicidal tile cap, comprising:

providing a germicidal tile cap comprising:

a. a formed or molded article configured for fitting over the surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including a substantially planar body and at least one edge extending from the body, the at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for being adjusted for the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile and for conforming with the surface along a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and

b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the germicidal tile cap over an existing tile to provide a germicidal surface.

28. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 27 wherein the existing tile includes ceramic tile and the positioning the germicidal tile cap includes affixing the germicidal tile cap to the existing ceramic tile with a double-sided foam tape.

29. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 27 wherein said the positioning the existing tile cap includes affixing the germicidal tile cap to the existing tile with a double-sided foam tape.

30. (Currently Amended). A method of using a bacteriostatic tile cap comprising: providing a bacteriostatic tile cap comprising:

a. a formed or molded article configured for fitting over the surface of an existing tile, the article including a first surface and a second surface, oppositely disposed

from each other, the first surface and the second surface, and including a substantially planar body and at least one edge extending from the body, the at least one edge defined by the convergence of the second surface toward the first surface, the at least one edge configured for being adjusted for the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile and for conforming with the surface along a corresponding edge of the existing tile; and

- b. an adhesive in communication with the second surface of the tile cap; and positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap over an existing tile to provide a bacteriostatic surface.

31. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 30 wherein the positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap includes affixing the bacteriostatic tile cap to an existing ceramic tile with a double-sided foam tape.

32. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 30 wherein the positioning the bacteriostatic tile cap includes affixing the bacteriostatic tile cap to an existing tile with a double-sided foam tape.

33. (Previously Presented). The method of Claim 24 wherein the tile cap is a decorative tile cap.

34. (Currently Amended). A tile cap comprising:
  - a. a formed article configured for fitting over a surface of an existing tile, the formed article including a substantially planar body and a trimable knife edge extending from the body and configured for being trimmed to cause the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile with the trimable knife edge in conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing tile; and
  - b. an adhesive in communication with article to adhere the tile cap to the surface of the existing tile.
35. (Currently Amended). A tile cap comprising:

- a. a molded article configured for fitting over a surface of an existing tile, the molded article including a substantially planar body and a trimable knife edge extending from the body and configured for being trimmed to cause the body to lie over the surface of an existing tile with the trimable knife edge in conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing tile; and
- b. an adhesive in communication with article to adhere the tile cap to the surface of the existing tile.

36. (Currently Amended). A method for capping a ceramic tile comprising: providing a tile cap configured for fitting over the surface of an existing ceramic tile, the tile cap including a substantially planar body and a plurality of edges extending from the body that are configured for being adjustable and the plurality of edges of the tile cap configured for conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing ceramic tile, the tile cap selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article; and, positioning the tile cap over an existing ceramic tile such that at least one edge of the plurality of edges of the tile cap is in conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing ceramic tile.

37. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 36, additionally comprising: adhering the tile cap to the existing ceramic tile, such that the tile cap is positioned over the existing ceramic tile.

38. (Previously Presented). A method for capping a tile comprising: providing a tile cap configured for fitting over the surface of an existing tile, the tile cap including a substantially planar body and a plurality of edges extending from the body that are configured for being adjustable and the plurality of edges of the tile cap configured for conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing tile, the tile cap selected from the group consisting of a plastic or resin article; and,

positioning the tile cap over the surface of an existing tile such that at least one edge of the plurality of edges of the tile cap is in conformance with a corresponding edge along the surface of the existing tile.

39. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 38, additionally comprising: adhering the tile cap to the existing tile over the surface of the existing tile.

40. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 21, additionally comprising: adjusting the tile at the at least one edge such that the body will lie over the surface of the existing ceramic tile and the adhesive will contact the body and the surface of the existing ceramic tile and the at least one edge will conform to the corresponding edge of the existing ceramic tile.

41. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 24, additionally comprising: adjusting the tile at the at least one edge such that the body will lie over the surface of the existing tile and the adhesive will contact the body and the surface of the existing tile and the at least one edge will conform to the corresponding edge of the existing tile.

42. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 30, additionally comprising: adjusting the tile at the at least one edge such that the body will lie over the surface of the ceramic tile and the adhesive will contact the body and the surface of the existing tile and the at least one edge will conform to the corresponding edge of the existing tile.

43. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 36, additionally comprising: adjusting the tile at the edges such that the body will lie over the surface of the existing tile and the adhesive will contact the body and the surface of the existing tile and each adjusted edge will conform to the corresponding edge of the existing tile.

44. (Previously Presented). The method of claim 38, additionally comprising: adjusting the tile at the edges such that the body will lie over the surface of the existing tile and the adhesive will contact the body and the surface of the existing tile and each adjusted edge will conform to the corresponding edge of the existing tile.